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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: GREEK REPORT TO ATHENS
OF FIRST MEETING

VIENNA FOR LEDSKY

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR MORNING
OF APRIL 1 TO SAY HE HAD RECEIVED TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF
FIRST NEGOTIATING SESSION IN VIENNA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON
AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH US. HE SUGGESTED DCM
MILLS GET TOGETHER WITH HIS CHEF DE CABINET, AMBASSADOR
KATSAMBIS, AND MEETING WAS ARRANGED FOR 1030.

2. KATSAMBIS SHOWED MILLS A TELEGRAM WHICH WAS LARGELY
IN ENGLISH BUT WHOSE INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH IN GREEK HAD
BEEN COVERED OVER BY ENGLISH SUMMARY, MAKING IT DIFFICULT
TO DETERMINE WHETHER WHAT FOLLOWED WAS A COPY OF
PAPADOPOULOS' REPORT TO NICOSIA OR GREEK AMBASSADOR'S
OWN REPORT OF MARCH 31 MEETING. IN ANY CASE, AT THAT
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AFTERNOON SESSION PAPADOPOULOS HAD INTRODUCED A TERRI-
TORIAL MAP WITH "ACCOMPANHING PRINCIPLES AND A
MEMORANDUM" (NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED). ONAN HAD
RESPONDED WITH LONG, NEGATIVE STATEMENT COMPLAINING
THAT APAPDOPOULOS' PRESENTATION DID NOT FOLLOW CRITERIA
AGREED UPON IN NICOSIA, DID NOT MAKE PROVISION FOR WATER
TO IRRIGATE DRY AREAS ASSIGNED TO TURKS, DREW COMMUNAL

LINES IN SUCH A WAY THAT TURKS HAD NO REAL SECURITY, AND GAVE TO GREEK-CYPRIOTS TOWN OF LEFKAS WHICH ONAN SAID HAD ALWAYS BEEN TURKISH-CYPRIT. AT ONE POINT IN ONAN'S RESPONSE SYG WALDHEIM INTERRUPTED TO SAY EVERYBODY SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT GREEK-CYPRIOT MAP WAS MERELY THE STARTING POINT AND NOT THE FINAL ARRANGEMENT. SUBMISSION OF TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL WAS A CONCRETE STEP AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHICH HE HOPED WOULD LEAD TO MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT DURING ENSUING DISCUSSIONS.

3. AFTER ONAN'S RESPONSE WAS COMPLETED, GREEK TELEGRAM SAID PAPADOPOULOS HAD "MET ALL HIS ARGUMENTS" AND POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS GREEK-CYPRIOTS WHO NEEDED SECURITY, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND. PAPADOPOULOS COMPLAINED THAT ONAN HAD OFFERED ONLY OPPOSITION AND GENERAL COMMENTS, AND HE INVITED TURKISH SIDE TO SUBMIT COUNTERPROPOSAL. TELEGRAM WENT ON THAT ONAN HAD NOT CLEARLY PROMISED TO SUBMIT A CONCRETE RESPONSE BUT HAD SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO PRESENT A CONSIDERED REACTION TO GREEK-CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL ON APRIL 1.

4. ONAN THEN REFERRED TO FORTHCOMING DISCUSSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES AND SAID HE KNEW GREEK-CYPRIOTS WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS HE WOULD MAKE. TURKISH-CYPRIOTS, HE SAID, DID NOT WANT PARTITION OR UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BUT WANTED A FEDERAL SYSTEM WHICH STARTED MODESTLY AND GRADUALLY EVOLVED AS CONFIDENCE BETWEEN THE TWO

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COMMUNITIES GREW. THIS FEDERAL SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE LIKE THE SWISS, YUGOSLAV OR AUSTRALIAN MODEL BUT "SUI GENERIS".

5. KATSAMBIS TOLD DCM THAT GOG WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED IN NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY TURKISH-CYPRITO SIDE IN OPENING SESSION AND FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT UNITED STATES AND OTHERS REALIZED WHAT WAS GOING ON. HE DREW TO DCM'S ATTENTION ITEMS IN THREE TURKISH NEWSPAPERS CLAIMING THAT PAPADOPOULOS HAD "RECEIVED ORDERS" IN ATHENS TO SUBMIT UNACCEPTABLE PROPOSALS AT VIENNA SO TURKISH SIDE WOULD BE BLAMED FOR FAILURE OF NEGOTIATIONS. KATSAMBIS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT THIS WAS THE CASE AND SAID TURKISH-CYPRIOT ATTITUDE, THUS FAR AT LEAST, INDICATED THAT THE OPPOSITE WAS TRUE, THAT TURKS WERE TRYING TO SET UP GREEKS TO TAKE THE BLAME.

6. AS DCM WAS LEAVING MFA HE RAN INTO BITSIOS IN CORRIDOR AND THANKED HIM FOR SHARING THIS INFORMATION.

BITSIOS SAID THAT GOG EXPECTS A DAILY TELEGRAM FROM
VIENNA AND WOULD LIKE EMBASSY TO SEE THEM ALL SO
THERE WOULD BE NO CONFUSION IN OUR MINDS ABOUT POSITIONS
TAKEN BY BOTH SIDES IN NEGOTIATIONS. DCM AGREED THAT
THAT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ALL CONCERNED.
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